

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF NORTH BRUNSWICK
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH
RONALD H. GORDON, ESQ. OF THE FIRM
DECOTTIS, FITZPATRICK & COLE, LLP
TO SERVE AS TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY**

WHEREAS, the Township of North Brunswick has a need to acquire professional services for a Township Attorney for 2012; and

WHEREAS, on October 17, 2011 the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick approved Resolution 275-10.11 authorizing the issuance of Requests for Proposals for professional services for a Township Attorney, and

WHEREAS, services were procured in formal manner under N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4.1a et under both a fair and open and competitive process to assure that each person and/or firm is provided an equal opportunity to submit a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Director received, and the Deputy Municipal Clerk witnessed, the receipt of two proposals for said professional services on November 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee, designated to review proposals and make a recommendation, has completed the review process and included herein an Evaluation Report detailing their review and recommendation; and

WHEREAS, the Evaluation Committee recommends the award of contract PRO12003 to Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP who submitted a proposal on November 30, 2011 in response to PRO12003 to provide professional services as Township Attorney; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Township of North Brunswick to enter into an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP (Glenpointe Centre West, 500 Frank W. Burr Blvd., Teaneck, NJ 07666) to serve in the position as Township Attorney for calendar year 2012; and

WHEREAS, DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP shall be compensated for these services at a blended hourly rate of \$150.00 for partners and associates, a blended hourly rate of \$75.00 for law clerks and paralegals, a blended hourly rate of \$175.00 for special projects, and reimbursable expenses in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00 for general matters exclusive of special projects services; and

WHEREAS, the Chief Financial Officer has certified that \$100,000.00 is available for this purpose in FY2012 Legal OE budget account 2-01-20-155-000-981 for general legal, excluding special services which shall be charged to the related accounts as certified by the Chief Financial Officer, for services ending June 30, 2012 and the balance shall be certified upon the appropriation of funds in FY2013; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED on this 2nd day of January, 2012, that the Township Council of the Township of North Brunswick does hereby authorize the Mayor to execute and the Township Clerk to witness an agreement with Ronald Gordon Esq. of the firm DeCottis, Fitzpatrick & Cole, LLP to provide legal services as Township Attorney in an amount not to exceed \$195,000.00 for general matters exclusive of special projects services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED notice of this action shall be published in the Home News & Tribune as required by law within 10 (ten) days after its passage.